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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Requirement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105; and
2. One return postcard.

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